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SUBJECT: CANADA UNABLE TO OFFER ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO SOMALIA TFG

REF: A. STATE 78953

[¶](#)B. OTTAWA 451

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Classified By: PolMinCouns Scott Bellard, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[¶](#)1. (C) Canada concurs that "now is the right time" for U.S. and other like-minded countries to marshal support for the Somalia Transitional Federal Government (TFG), according to Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Director for Eastern and Southern Africa Lisa Stadelbauer. She commented that "it makes perfect sense" to attempt to reward the TFG for its model agreement with PriceWaterhouseCoopers. She stated, however, that Canada was "not now in a position to offer any additional support" beyond its C\$56 million contributions in humanitarian aid (since December 2006), which are largely funneled through NGOs. She also highlighted Canada's contributions to counter-piracy off the coast of Somalia (ref b).

[¶](#)2. (SBU) In February, Canada announced a change in emphasis on aid (ref c), focusing about 80 percent of its bilateral aid resources on 20 key partners. Although Canada is still on track to meet the G-8 pledge to double aid to Africa (from 2001 levels) by 2010, senior officials have repeatedly indicated that governmental aid priorities would remain focused on Afghanistan, as well as on Latin America and the Caribbean. Current Canadian priority aid targets in Africa include Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Mozambique, Senegal, Sudan, and Tanzania. Previous priority recipients in Africa had also included Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Kenya, Malawi, Niger, Rwanda, and Zambia.

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